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***Carson Introduces Bill To Cut \$300 Million of Gov't Waste  
Top Item On The List – Abolish The Council On Environmental Quality***

Washington, D.C. --

Oklahoma Congressman Brad Carson (D-OK) introduced H.R. 3164 that would provide for the reduction of the Federal budget deficit by reducing wasteful government spending. During a time when the Federal government continues to see soaring budget deficits, H.R. 3164 would abolish frivolous executive agencies and limit political appointees that cost taxpayers million of dollars.

“As Oklahomans know through our involvement with the Council on Environmental Quality on the Tar Creek issue, this agency is nothing more than a \$2.9 million waste of taxpayers money,” said Congressman Carson. “This agency, along with several others, have outlived their usefulness to the American taxpayer. As we continue to see a downturn in the economy, the ballooning of the national debt and the soaring costs of the war on terrorism our country must prioritize to cut government waste. I can assure you that when it comes to the Council on Environmental Quality there is no reason why taxpayers should be paying millions of dollars to keep the doors open of an agency that amounts to nothing more than an group of irksome meddlers.”

H.R. 3164 would accomplish an approximate \$306 million cut in wasteful government spending for Fiscal Year 2004.

The Council on Environmental Quality was the agency charged with accomplishing an overall feasibility study of a holistic solution to the Tar Creek Superfund site. However, after months of broken promises and obfuscation of duties the Council on Environmental Quality passed the responsibility of releasing a final analysis to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

H.R. 3164 would accomplish the four following objectives to reduce wasteful government spending:

- 1) Eliminate the Council on Environmental Quality
- 2) Eliminate the United States Travel and Tourism Promotion Advisory Board
- 3) Eliminate the Advanced Technology Program
- 4) Limit the total amount of executive branch political appointees to 2,000

“Political appointees are often times counterproductive, bureaucratic jobs that accomplish little in the way of implementing the policies of the United States government,” said Congressman Carson. “Our goal should be to streamline more government agencies and make government more responsive, thus it only makes sense that political paybacks should not be tolerated into today’s federal government.”

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